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MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Not what you know but who you know" goes double at Christmas as Judy Collins, 2½, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James M. Collins, makes the most of a visit with Santa, portrayed by James G. (Jimmy) McGarrigle.



All streets in Bethlehem lead to Church of the Nativity where Jesus was born almost 2000 years ago.

Garden Shrine



—Photo by Jasper Nutter

A garden shrine at the Herb Smith home bears a miniature Nativity scene at the Christmas season. Karen Patricia Smith is seen before the shrine in this photo.

By George Serviss

JOY OF the Christmas scene is cleverly portrayed in a small shrine which graces the garden of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith and daughter, Karen Patricia, aged four, of 2666 Madison St., Dominguez, and which, at the holiday season, blossoms into special attractiveness with a nativity scene in miniature.

The shrine was first set up last Easter. Within a tiny shelter surrounded by the greenery of growing vines is a crucifix, admirably carved by Smith, who used only a standard pocketknife. Admirers of the crucifix find it hard to realize that the work was done

without fine tools. It was carved from a block of redwood.

Throughout the year, the floor of the shrine bears flowers and figures of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. Two tiny vigil lights are kept burning. At the Yule season, the Smiths set up the nativity scene with simple little figures of the variety purchased in novelty and "dime" stores.

The shrine is a devoutly-prepared symbol of faith in God and His divine protection. It is placed near where Karen Patricia spends much of her time at play, and it has been blessed by Father Hugh Regan of St. Lucy's Catholic Church.

There is no question but that Bethlehem was the birthplace

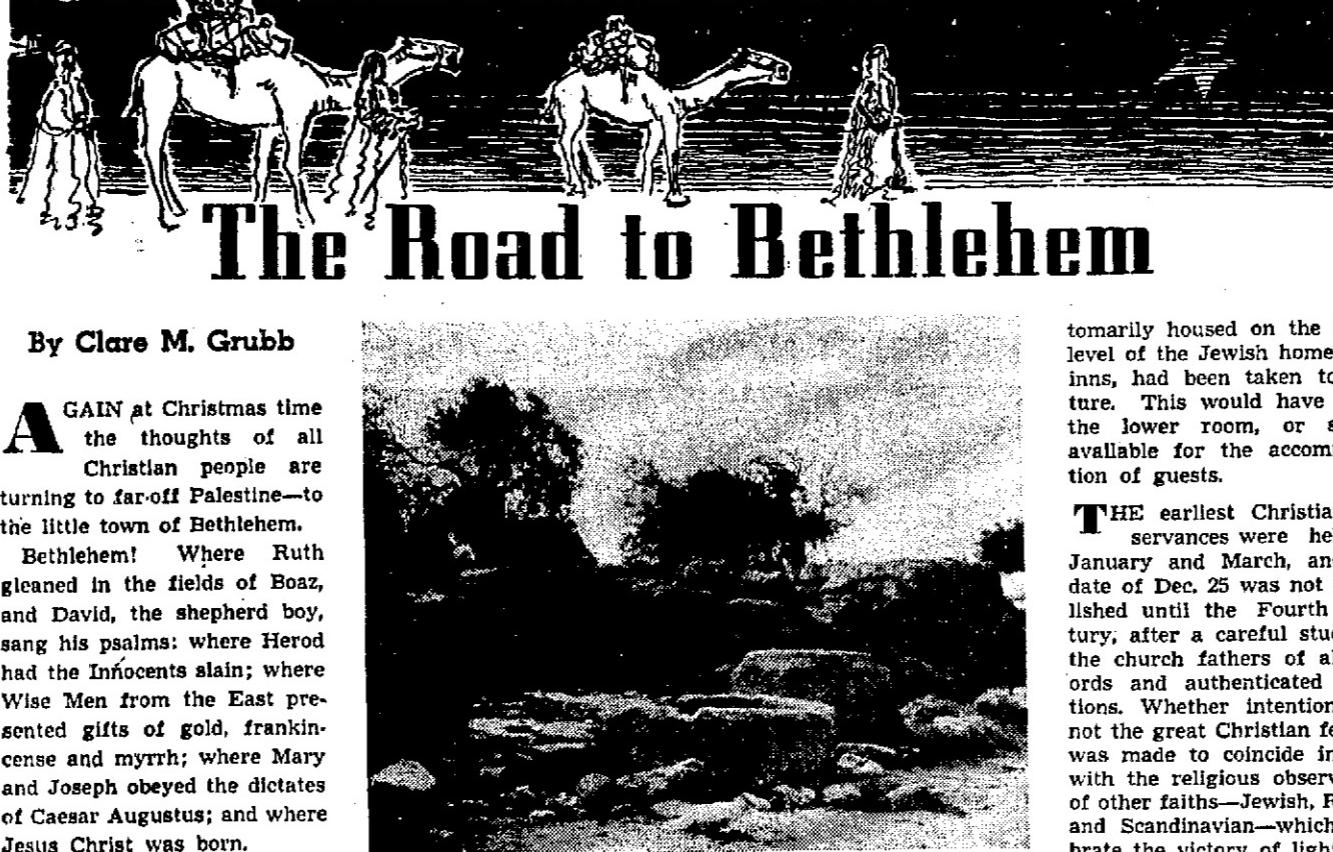
Christmas Greetings

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By Clare M. Grubb

Again at Christmas time the thoughts of all Christian people are turning to far-off Palestine—to the little town of Bethlehem.

Bethlehem! Where Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz, and David, the shepherd boy, sang his psalms; where Herod had the Innocents slain; where Wise Men from the East presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; where Mary and Joseph obeyed the dictates of Caesar Augustus; and where Jesus Christ was born.

The road to Bethlehem begins in Jerusalem, at Jaffa Gate. The scene is a busy market place, much the same today as in Bible times. Merchants and shepherds in flowing oriental robes, sheep and goats, camels and donkeys scatter in all directions to make way for the automobile carrying the modern pilgrim down the road to Bethlehem.

The road follows the crest of the hills to Hebron, descends into the valley of Hinnom, and a mile or so farther on passes the Well of the Magi. Here, so tradition relates, the Three Wise Men stopped to rest and quench their thirst. In the water of the well they saw re-

flexions of Jesus, and there is some reasonable assurance of the exact site. Justin Martyr, a Christian writer of the Second Century, tells us that the birth of Jesus took place in a "certain cave close to the village of Bethlehem"; and Origin, the Christian theologian of Alexandria, mentions the "cave where He was born and the manger in Bethlehem."

TODAY the Church of the Nativity stands over the traditional site of the stable. It is jointly owned by the Latin, Orthodox and Armenian

er gaudy silver lamps, kept perpetually burning. Inlaid on the marble floor is a large silver star. Around it the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS EST (Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary).

The exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown. Tradition and history have been called upon to support one theory after the other. Some scholars believe his birth occurred in the spring of the year, after the animals which were cus-

tomarily housed on the lower level of the Jewish homes and inns, had been taken to pasture. This would have made the lower room, or stable, available for the accommodation of guests.

THE earliest Christian observances were held in January and March, and the date of Dec. 25 was not established until the Fourth Century, after a careful study by the church fathers of all records and authenticated traditions. Whether intentional or not the great Christian festival was made to coincide in date with the religious observances of other faiths—Jewish, Roman and Scandinavian—which celebrate the victory of light over darkness.

The story of the first Christmas, as recorded in the Bible, cannot be taken literally, but neither is it fictional, a mere myth or legend. It is, rather, a beautiful narrative of a great event, a mingling of history and tradition, based upon truth and colored by Oriental imagery.

And no matter what time of year the modern pilgrim travels the road to Bethlehem, it is for him the Christmas season. Before him go Mary and Joseph, the Wise Men and the Shepherds. Angel voices are still singing, and the Star always shines above the road to Bethlehem.



Bethlehem Where Ruth gleaned in the fields; where David, the shepherd boy, sang his psalms; where Wise Men presented gifts; where Mary and Joseph obeyed the dictates of Caesar Augustus; where Jesus Christ was born.

Keeping Gift Plants

INCLUSION of the plant box in architectural indoor planning and increasing emphasis on small planters for mantels, window ledges and end tables has led to increased popularity of giving plants for Christmas. Many persons find themselves with a lovely plant or two about the culture of which they know little or nothing.

Air moisture in many rooms is not sufficient to keep plants alive, even if the temperature is correct. A sponge placed in

a splendid idea if each gift plant arrived with a note of instruction attached. Many people are hesitant about purchasing plants for gifts because either they do not understand plant culture or they feel that the recipient of the gift plant may not.

Air moisture in many rooms is not sufficient to keep plants alive, even if the temperature is correct. A sponge placed in

a pan of water by a heat register will help.

Indoor plants need water. Give a little every day at first as a test. Overwatering, however, will cause soil to sour and roots will then rot. Yellowing foliage may indicate too much water, especially if the container has no drainage.

Never place plants near the heat of radiators, fireplaces, or gas furnaces. Also keep them out of drafts.

The following is helpful advice on some of the most popular Christmas plants. Clip it out for reference if you need it.

Poinsettias can tolerate up to 70 degrees and like a sunny southern or eastern exposure. Water on the average of three times weekly. Discontinue watering in March and when dry cut back to six inches and plant in a southern or eastern exposure outdoors for yearly Christmas blooming.

Cyclamen is sensitive to sun or water on its leaves. Keep cool and water three times weekly. In March reduce watering to a minimum until September, at which time resume watering. In October, repot in a size larger or plant outdoors in a shady, protected area.

Zaleas provide gay color until March if not kept in two warm rooms. Water thrice weekly. In early spring, you may place the plant in the ground in the pot or removed. Choose a shady nook. When the buds appear again in the fall, bring the plant back in the house if you wish. Use an acid plant food before summer.

Do not give African violet

too much sun or too much moisture. It likes liquid fertilizer and a room temperature between 60 and 70.

Geraniums you can almost forget if you give them sunny environment and just enough water three times a week to moisten roots. Cut back if they grow tall and spindly.

Primulas do best in filtered sunshine. They need water about three times a week and liquid fertilizer every six weeks.

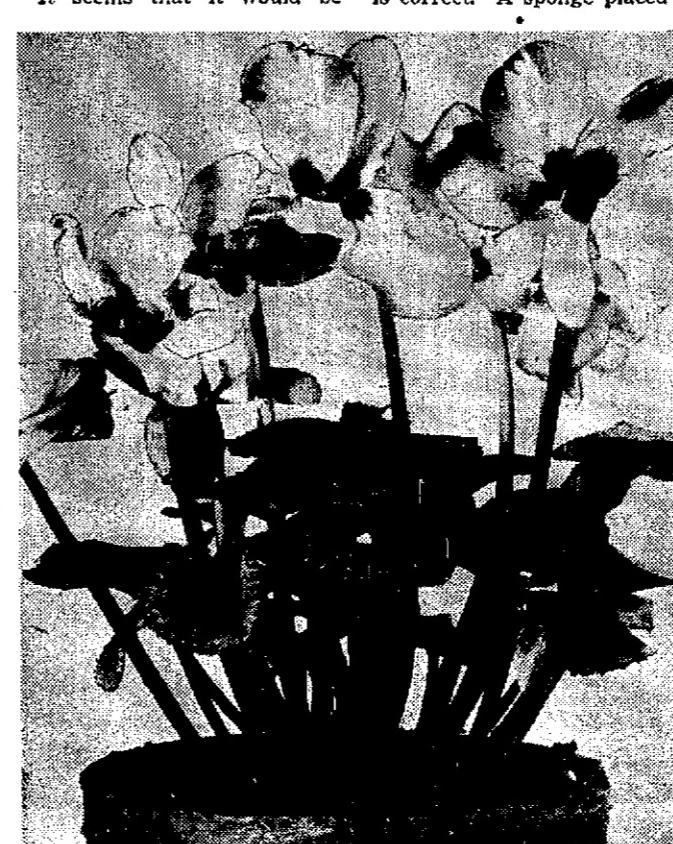
Foliage plants require little care other than water and an occasional wiping off with an oil emulsion purchased from a nursery.

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—Photos by Gladys Dilling

Cyclamen deserves the best of care. It is sensitive to sun and water on its leaves, prefers cool temperatures.



A Christmas Story

By Martin DeVries

Judge of the Municipal Court

IFIRST saw her in a weather-beaten wayside chapel called the "Little Church of Bethlehem," in Mexico. She was seated on a homemade bench that served as a pew. Her coarse white hair framed furrowed lines of a face that told its story of toil, sorrow, sacrifice and tears.

During the worship service a collection pouch came her way. She unfolded a serape on her lap—a piece of hand-woven textile that for her met the needs of a purse. From it she took the only thing that it contained—a single coin—a centavo piece—a coin equivalent to a fraction of our penny.

She fondled that coin with an undue familiarity. She looked upon it intently and her lips moved as if softly murmuring to herself an inquiry, or reverently whispering to Him a prayer. I could not tell.

But something was troubling the mind of this woman. I sensed her perplexity. Should she give her coin to her Cristo as a thanksgiving offering—or should she keep it, for tomorrow she could buy a tortilla with it.

I sat near by—watching—enraptured—entranced.

A radiance flashed across her countenance as she made her great decision. She planted a kiss on her coin. Then her precious gift was placed in the collection pouch. She had gone to Bethlehem to worship Him.

But I, too, had gone to that chapel to pray. I, too, had tried to go to Bethlehem to worship Him, but now I knew that like Herod of old, I never quite got there. I measured my love and my thanksgiving for the Christ by what I found easy to give. This frail white-haired woman measured hers not by what she gave but by what she held back from Him. And she held nothing back. She gave her all.

She put a new emphasis upon my relationship to my God. She taught me that the measure of one's love for Christ is not what one gives, but what one holds back—from Him. She gave everything she had. She had nothing left.

I left that wayside chapel—that "Little Church of Bethlehem"—lifted in soul and spirit. I turned to cast one last fleeting glimpse at her, and somehow I saw standing there beside her the One who, through her, was pointing for me the way.

By Eleanor Avery Price

Here's Your Christmas Tree



This may be the very tree that graces your living room. But how did it get there? Pictures on this page will give some idea of how the annual Christmas tree harvest is carried on.



Above, a symmetrical tree is obtained by cutting top from a fairly large tree. Contractors bid for cutting rights in national forest stands, pay for the trees on a lineal-foot basis.



Christmas trees usually are harvested where thinning of thickets of small trees benefits the forest. Here a woodsman sizes up a tree in southern Oregon's Rogue River National Forest.



The saw used here is an example of special tools devised for the harvest of Christmas trees. Crews go into the forests in the late fall in order to assure fresh trees for the yule season.



Getting trees out of the forest is a trucking operation. An early snow has fallen here. Trees later will be bundled for shipment to market centers. Some trees are kept in cold storage.



Strict forest regulations must be met by yule tree contractors. His costs in meeting these regulations must be figured into the final price paid at retail level by the purchaser of a tree.



This scene is from "The Thirteen Clocks," a fairy tale of wit and wisdom by James Thurber, which is published by Simon and Schuster. Color illustrations are by Marc Simont. See the review elsewhere on this page.

Thurber Tale Hits Jackpot

By Gerald Lagard

THE THIRTEEN CLOCKS, by James Thurber, 124 pp. New York: Simon & Schuster. \$2.50.

THIS is Thurber triumphant . . . It's wit and wisdom, glory and gore, and an ageless fairy tale for a generation bedeviled. There is the evil (or was she?) Duke's niece who had the only warm hand in the castle. Time had frozen to death on a snowy night at 10 minutes to five, and none of the 13 clocks did anything but hold up their hands at the evil of the castle, the Duke and the spell of suspension.

For a warm hand there is always a suitor, and most were slain and eaten by geese for using names that started with X, wearing rings, or dropping spoons and speaking disrespectfully of sin. But for a man with wiles and courage, there was a way to the lovely Saralinda's warm hand and what went with it. So there was a Golux to help the handsome Zorn of Zorna, and a woman who wept a thousand jewels. The wonderful illustrations by Marc Simont dress the book for giving, but buy two for you'll never part with the one you read.

How Jews Live in U.S.

THIS LAND, THESE PEOPLE, edited by Harold U. Ribman, 302 pp. New York: Bantam Books, Inc. \$3.75.

A REPRESENTATIVE collection of American Jewish short stories, this book has unquestionable literary merit.

The first anthology of Ameri-

can Jewish short stories, it of-

fers an insight into the special

character of Jewish life in the

United States; as a unit, the

stories from different writers

using diverse styles form a con-

tinuous narrative that records

the essence of Jewish life and

the multi-sided tale of experi-

ences common to Jews. Writers

include Howard Fast, Joe Sin-

clair, Yuri Suhl, Charles An-

goff, Michael Seide, Frank

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exander Klein, Louis Gold,

Ludwig Lewisohn, Jenny Mach-

lowitzkien and Meyer Levin.—

V. W.

Golden State Guide Ready

CALIFORNIA: A Complete Guide, by Andrew Hepburn, 108 pp. New York: Simon & Schuster. \$1.

Also outmoded, in the author's opinion, is Gen. Marshall's dictum that attack is the best defense. Smaller professional armies, equipped with the superior weapons that western science can provide will accomplish best results, if protected by sufficient aircraft.

4. "With Africa securely held and its potentialities adequately developed, the U. S. A. and her allies would be assured of the strategic resources to outlast and outclass Russia's in the case of another prolonged world war."

Beyond these and other concrete suggestions, Liddell Hart believes that the one "break in the clouds" is the very savagery of atomic warfare. He asserts flatly: "An unlimited war waged with atomic power would be worse than nonsense—it would be mutually suicidal." He expresses hope, without offering any substantial evidence to support it, that all the nations will come to recognize this truism.

Not exactly light reading in the accepted sense, but better than the darkness that surrounds the ostrich with head buried in the sand.

Happy Valentine

A 320-page Valentine for Miss Teen-age America is "The Seventeen Reader," a collection of the best stories and favorite articles that have appeared in the magazine "Seventeen," will be published in February by Lippincott.

MY JOYOUS SPRING SINGS, by Flor- ence K. Ringer, 168 pp. New York: Murray & Geib, Inc. \$2.00.

HERE are the poems of a thoroughly happy woman, a happiness that makes her see the virtues of her friends, the excitement of strange places, the satisfying beauty of home, garden and trees. The writer and her husband, Frederick William Kellogg, live at "Highlawn" in Altadena, with a summer place in La Jolla, and much of her writing has the pleasant flavor of California. However, she also writes about Interlaken and Swiss chalets, Norway, Honolulu and Imperial Peking. A number of her poems are tributes to her husband, her family and friends.

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Pine at Fourth



Bradford Voight, Laguna Beach artist, puts the finishing touches to a New England quarry picture which is included in his current exhibit at Pacific Coast Club.

In Art Circles

Estates Faculty Exhibits

LOSE relationship between college and community is demonstrated in the three-man show by members of Palos Verdes College faculty in the Palos Verdes Art Gallery, under auspices of Community Arts Association of Palos Verdes Estates. The Arts Association several times has called upon the college art department to arrange shows, and faculty members occasionally have participated in shows, but this is the first time the college has undertaken an entire show.

Water colors of Art Adair were painted in Death Valley and the harbor area. Each spring vacation Adair takes a group of students on a painting trip. Students not in art classes may go along if they wish to "try their hands," in line with the college philosophy that the arts are for the enrichment of the lives of all people. Paintings of the Los Angeles Long Beach Harbor area are a natural result of the proximity of the Rolling Hills campus to this ever-fascinating scene.

Frank Weir for some years has held a place of distinction in the field of ceramics. Using the potter's wheel and making his own glazes, Weir and his students produce an infinite variety of attractive shapes and finishes. Weir believes that work in the field of ceramics offers people of all ages the important experience of coming in direct contact with the earth and manipulating it.

A number of sketches of the human figure constitute the first public showing by Lillian Garrison. Mrs. Garrison made her debut as a college instructor at the summer session of Palos Verdes College when she taught figure drawing.

Dr. Richard P. Saunders, president of the college, commenting on the show, said "This show is evidence of the cultural bond between college and community, and constitutes an opportunity to illustrate the creative abilities of our art faculty."

The show will continue through Jan. 5.

ROBERT PERIGAN, newly elected president of Spectrum Club, organization of men painters, will preside for the first time at the meeting Jan. 10 at 8 p. m. at 341 American Ave. He succeeds Barton Hopkins as president. Other officers are Ivan McMichael, vice president; Harold R. Bragg, secretary-treasurer.

The club has a permanent show at 225 E. Third St. and a current show in Recreation Park clubhouse. The Recreation Park show soon will be moved to Santa Ana Ebell Clubhouse.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Chapter of Artists Equity Association has its third annual exhibition in Pasadena Art Institute, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, where it will remain through Jan. 21.

Five Venezuelan Stamps Honor Birth of Patriot

VENEZUELA has issued a set of five new stamps honoring the bicentennial of the birth of Gen. Francisco de Miranda, the precursor of Latin-American independence from the Spanish yoke in the early 19th Century. Each stamp has the same design—the signing of the Venezuelan Act of Independence. The 5-centimos is orange, 10 c brown, 15 c violet, 30 c blue, and 1 bolivar green.

JON ARASON, the last Roman Catholic bishop in Iceland, has been honored by his native land with two new stamps. During a religious civil war in 1551 Arason was captured and executed. He is also famous as a poet and is supposed to have introduced printing to Iceland. The 1.80 krone red and 3.30 krone green shows a likeness of the bishop. The date on the stamp is 1550 which would make this issue the 400th anniversary of Arason's death.

IN THE new 1951 volume II Scott Catalogue 546 stamp numbers have been changed.

Thousands of prices have also been changed and a flock of new issues has been added. The semi-postal section of Portugal has disappeared, also Finland's 2 p gray essay of 1895-96 has been deleted and is now covered in a footnote.

Long Beach Best Sellers



1. JOY STREET, by Keyes.
 2. THE DISENCHANTED, by Schulz.
 3. THE SPANISH GARDENER, by Will.
 4. THE ADVENTURE, by Waite.
 5. MOULIN ROUGE, by La Mure.
- NONFICTION:
1. BELLS ON THEIR TOES, by Gilbreath and Carey.
 2. KIDS ARE NEVERDALE.
 3. LOOK YOUNGER, LIVE LONGER.
 4. NUTS IN MAY, by Skinner.
- YOUTH:
1. THE LITTLEST ANGEL, by Tarr.
 2. BUTTERFLIES AND GARDENS STORY BOOK.
 3. ANIMALS' MERRY CHRISTMAS.
 4. GOLIATH CYCLOPEDIA.
 5. HEIDI, by Spyri.



Here is a good example of a family record shot being made with synchronized flash at the Christmas table.

Camera ANGLE

By The Shutterbug

WITH the holiday season fast approaching and plans in the making for gatherings of family and friends at Thanksgiving and Christmas, be sure to count picture-taking as an essential part of the program.

This season's two big holidays offer opportunities for picture-taking that you may never again encounter. Thanksgiving and Christmas are more likely to find the family together than any other days in the year. So, here is your chance for some good family group shots—and here are some tips on making them:

1. Seek some natural and appropriate arrangement for your subjects. Don't line them in a straight, stiff row, to stare into the camera. Seat them in conversational groups—or catch them in the midst of some activity. They may, for example, be chuckling over the old family album or admiring the family's newest baby. Very appropriate to these days of feasting are shots of the family gathered around the dinner table. After all, that is one of the most important and enjoyable parts of the holiday activities.

2. Don't try to picture too many people—or people scattered over too large an area. Large group pictures, if they are to be good, call for lighting equipment more extensive than you are likely to have—or want to set up at this time.

3. Remember that faces are the key to good group pictures. Look carefully to be sure that each one shows clearly, that no one is even partly hidden.

4. The type of indoor lighting will meet Wednesday, 8 p. m. at the Little Fellowship Hall, Midway City. . . . Santa Ana Camera Club held its annual meeting last week and will meet again until the second week in January. Mrs. Nikki Greene, editor of their club bulletin, captured the "Print of the Year" trophy while Mrs. R. Foss kept the victory in the women's column with her winning of the "Slide of the Year" award. Judges were Mrs. Elva Hayward, Millidge C. Day and Arthur D. Jencks from the Long Beach Camera Club.

THE SHUTTERBUG believes

this holiday season a good time to again ask you color slide makers to give any transparencies you can spare to the "Slides for Vets" program sponsored by the Photographic Society of America. Thousands of these color slides have been enjoyed by patients in military hospitals throughout the country and thousands more are needed. Slides should be sent to Mr. Karl A. Baumgaertel, 533 31st Ave., San Francisco 21, Calif.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY ALL YOUR PRESENTS BE PHOTOGRAPHIC!

\$7500 Fiction Award Competition Announced

THE WESTMINSTER PRESS announces the fourth Westminster Award for Fiction in its search for outstanding fiction.

Any writer, in any country, whether or not the author of a previous book or books, is eligible to compete for an award of \$7500, of which \$5000 will be an outright prize and \$2500 an advance against royalties. No restrictions are placed on the setting, the sit-

uation, or the characters in this novel. Manuscripts should have a minimum length of 75,000 words.

To be eligible for this competition all manuscripts must reach the editorial offices of The Westminster Press, Westerly Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., not later than midnight June 1, 1951. Additional information regarding the competition may be obtained by writing to the above address.

Italian Lass, 13, Makes Movie Debut With Crosby

Girl's Songs Steal Scenes From Bing

By Bill Becker

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23. (AP) A shy, slim 13-year-old girl from Italy—Anna Maria Alberghetti—has stepped right in opposite Bing Crosby in her American movie debut.

Not that she's going to take over as Crosby's leading lady. But her singing of "Cara Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto" is tabbed as a high spot of Der Bingle's forthcoming film, "Here Comes the Groom."

Anna Maria is the little girl who, completely unheralded, came to New York and aroused the Big Town's blase music critics in her Carnegie Hall debut last April. "The Voice of an Angel" was the consensus.

The same opinion, it would seem, is shared at Paramount by those who heard her big



scene in the picture. She plays the role of a blind war orphan brought to this country by Crosby, this time a foreign correspondent. She sings the aria at a tryout arranged by Bing; no one knows she is blind until she stumbles against a table, going offstage.

Even though the music had been recorded and dubbed in beforehand, cameramen and girls were observed blowing their noses heartily after the scene. Here and there, as they say on the operatic circuit, "Una Furtiva Lagrima" was wiped away. Director Frank Capra calls it "one of my most effective scenes."

Quiet, self-contained Anna Maria seems to be taking American success in stride. Just barely five feet and 95 pounds, the dark-eyed girl has been trained by her singing teacher-father, Daniele Alberghetti, since she was 6 years old. She can send her coloratura notes soaring 2½ octaves to G over high C, but her practices and appearances are being strictly limited by her father to avoid strain.

Fournier has always been especially noted for the great variety of color which he puts into all of his interpretations. It should come as no surprise, therefore, to learn that he actually believes that the basic principles of painting and music are identical and interchangeable.

Although he is not a composer, the French cellist is sure that, if he were, his inspiration would be derived entirely from paintings—especially the works of French Impressionists. Curiously enough, the canvases of this school remind him not only of the music of the same period, but also of romantic and classic compositions. Looking at paintings, Fournier immediately translates them into terms of music and by the same token thinks of music in terms of color. He finds that the bowing technique in playing the cello is of the same vital importance as the painter's brush technique. The strings correspond to the canvas on which tones are painted.

Although he was not conscious of it at the time, when he began playing the cello because it was the only instrument he could manipulate after an attack of polio, Fournier is now sure that his predisposition for the cello was due to the great variety of color of which it is capable. Of the string instruments, it is the only one which has a bass, tenor and alto voice, and therefore possesses a much wider scope of sonority than any other.

The French cellist's American debut was made Nov. 13, 1948, and the critics were unanimous in proclaiming him as one of the greatest cellists ever heard in this country. Since then he has been heard in a series of recitals all over the country. His season here calls for 31 concerts in the United States plus appearances in Canada.

Between his duties as soloist, chamber music and teaching, he has managed to find time for many transcriptions, including the 10 Caprices of Paganini, which will be published in London this season.

Record Album

By David C. Whitney

THREE of the great jazz musicians of our times are featured in three newly-issued albums that demonstrate the latitude of modern music.

"Stan Kenton Presents . . ." a Capitol album by the great exponent of symphonic, modernistic jazz, features one member or one section of his big band on each side of the three 12-inch records. Although often criticized as being more showmanship than music, the Kenton records are interesting, if not easy, listening.

"We Called It Music," a

Motherhood Problems to Be Theme of Movie

By Patricia Clary

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23. (UPI) The newest problem picture in Hollywood is about the problems of having a baby. The producer is looking for an actress who's really expecting a baby to play the lead.

Some people in Hollywood have complained that pregnancy isn't proper for a movie. Maxwell Shane replied that every pioneer is bound to be criticized.

"There has never been a dramatic motion picture based in its entirety on this most fundamental and exciting of all adventures," Shane said. "Yet

He'd like to compress this into 40 days of filming, but that's another problem.

"It's essential to honesty and realism to have our mother in the movie played by an actress who is to be a mother herself," Shane said. "We want her to have experienced herself, so she can convey them to the audience, all the warmly emotional, sometimes comic and often tragic stages of childbearing."

"The Family Way," an original story by Milton Raison, is based on the case histories of 14 young mothers.

New lp's at the library this week: Dohnanyi, "Suite en Valse"; Dvorak, "Piano Quintet in A Major"; Schubert, "Quintet in A Major"; Schumann, "Marchenerzählungen for Piano, Clarinet and Violin" with Mendelsohn, "Two Concert Pieces for Bassoon, Clarinet and Piano"; and Suk, "Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra" (Rybar, violinist), with Smetana, "Walzensteins Camp."

The public's first glimpse of this striking array will occur in early March, when the reels will cover the glamorous formal introduction of the styles at a gala World Premiere Fashion Show at the Hotel Shamrock in Houston, Texas.

"Bird of Paradise" fashions seem destined to fly to the top levels in the world of American apparel.

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your neck under your chin, spread your fingers down and outward to your left, and where your fourth finger hits—just above your heart—is where a sorority pin must be worn."

Douglas is as nasty a villain as any since Simon Legree. Macdonald Carey is a U. S. secret operative and her potential rescuer. Sub-chasing scenes at sea, with depth charges exploding, are exciting.

Nancy Guild has completed her role in "Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man" for Universal-International and will play the top supporting role to Rhonda Fleming and Mark Stevens in the Technicolor "Little Egypt." Miss Guild, formerly a free-lance artist, is now under contract to Universal-International.

It took 50,000 gallons of water and a crew of 10 men three days to convert a parched San Fernando Valley field into a mud-soaked Italian battleground.

The men soaked a half mile-long dirt road and the side of a mountain, then had to cover the ground with tarpaulins to keep the sun from drying the earth again. The labor was for a World War II battle scene in "Up Front."

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Holiday Glamour



The holidays provide the occasion for dressing in your most glamorous clothes and the current cocktail and formal fashions are the loveliest that have ever highlighted a festive gathering. For holiday parties, Peggy Hunt has designed the beautifully draped slipper satin evening gown with a graceful sweep in the skirt (left above). Red lace is

featured in Lady in Red, a Marjorie Michael design (left center). This strapless, utterly feminine style stresses a new silhouette in its long, lean lines. Daisy Chain (right center) is a lace-and-linen combination, also by Marjorie Michael. Joan Roberts brings out Dinner Date, evening separates (right above). The sleeveless top is made of black velveteen.

New Year's Party



Fruit cake and a bowl of punch complement each other. A happy and tasty touch is the addition of little biscuits.

By Mildred K. Flanary

DUST OFF the welcome mat because the baby New Year is just about to enter. Open house for a New Year's eve or New Year's Day celebration is in order.

A salute to the future is indispensable on this big occasion — as is a pledge to old friendships. So, fill up the punch bowl—and for a new light on an old subject, float candles on slices of lemon. Cut one-fourth-inch slices of good, solid lemons for floating candleholders, pierce the centers with the point of a sharp knife and insert small birthday candles firmly so that they stand upright.

And here are some recipes for punch and buffet food:

Open House Supper
Party Ham Loaf
Cranberry Peach Salad with
Fruit Dressing
Cheese and Cracker Tray
Nabisco Fruit Cake
Eggnog

Holiday Eggnog

5 eggs separated
½ cup sugar
½ quarts milk
1 quart heavy cream
½ cup rum extract
Nutmeg

Beat egg whites stiff, but not dry; gradually add sugar, beating constantly. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored, fold in egg whites. Gradually add milk, heavy cream, and rum extract, stirring constantly. Pour into large pitcher or punch bowl. Sprinkle each serving with nutmeg and serve with slices of fruit cake. Makes 28 ½-cup servings.

Hot Mulled Punch

1 gallon sweet cider
½ pound brown sugar
6-inch stick cinnamon
1 blade mace
1 tablespoon whole clove
1 tablespoon whole allspice
2 teaspoons grated orange rind
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons crystallized ginger, diced
½ cup orange juice
2 cans (No. 2½) grapefruit juice

Place cider in large saucepan, add sugar, spices, salt and rinds; simmer 10 minutes; strain; add grapefruit juice and orange juice. Reheat but do not boil. Serve steaming. Approximate yield: 5 quarts for 20 guests.

Stuffed Celery

Combine 1 can deviled sandwich spread with 2 tablespoons sweet relish and mayonnaise to moisten. Fill center stalks with celery mixture. Press two stalks together; chill. Cut into ½-inch slices; stick toothpick in each.

Dilled Dills

Bore center from dill pickle with apple corer. Mix deviled sandwich spread with enough mayonnaise to moisten; four tablespoons finely diced celery. Stuff dill pickle with mixture; chill. When ready to serve, cut into ½-inch slices; stick toothpick in each.

Stuffed Beets

Allow tiny red beets to stand in mild spiced vinegar until well seasoned; scoop centers; fill with deviled sandwich spread moistened with mayonnaise. Stick toothpick in each beet; serve cold.

Bite-sized Bits

Guests like to make their own canapes, too! Just arrange a selection of bite-sized bits on a tray with an assortment of crackers. Be sure to have butter spreaders or small forks handy so your guests can make their own. Try these:

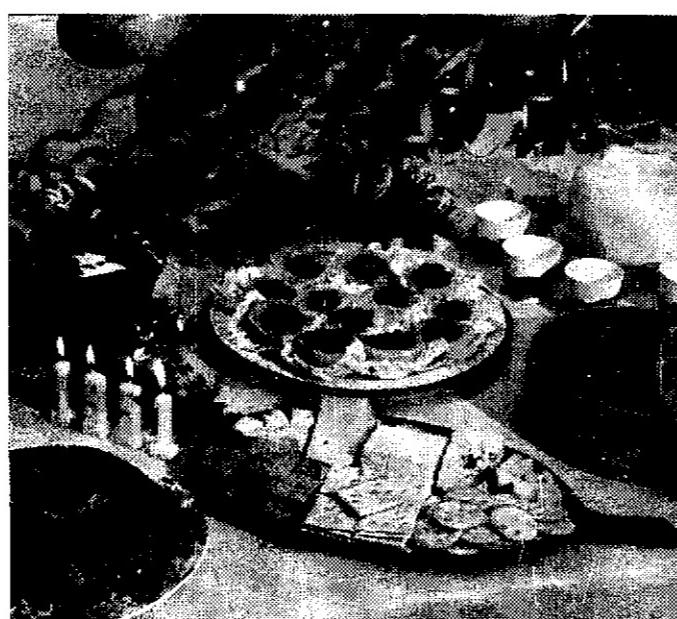
Snappy cheese
Tuna mixed with chili sauce
Peanut butter thinned with honey
Smoked oysters
Smoked salmon
Smoked chicken or turkey
Liver pate
Anchovy fillets
Cream cheese with capers
Red or black caviar
Baked beans mashed with chili sauce
Olive—Stuffed or ripe
Salted almonds
Sliced pickles to eat as is or spread with cheese

Curried Cocktail Dip
1 cup sieved avocado
¼ teaspoon curry powder
2 teaspoons vinegar
3 to 4 drops Tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon salt

To prepare avocado, cut into halves lengthwise and remove seed and skin. Force fruit through sieve. Blend in seasonings. Makes 1 cup.

Broiled Olive Canapes
1 (1-pound) loaf unsliced bread
Butter or margarine
1½ cups flaked canned salmon
½ cup chopped ripe olives
½ cup chopped unblanched almonds
Few drops Tabasco sauce
Mayonnaise

Trim crusts from bread. Cut



A ham loaf and assorted accessories will help to set up a happy get-together of friends in New Year tradition.

Clam Appetizer Dip

1 garlic clove
2 3-oz. packages Philadelphia cream cheese
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon salt

Dash of freshly ground pepper
½ cup minced clams
1 tablespoon clam broth

Thoroughly rub a small mixing bowl with garlic clove. Add the Philadelphia cream cheese, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, clam and clam broth. Blend well.

Serve crackers, potato chips or raw cauliflower buds to be dipped into this mixture for an unusual and tasty appetizer.

Rabbit Flavored with Celery
is a novel change. Mix 1 can condensed cream of celery soup with ½ cup hot milk and stir over low heat until smooth. Add 1½ cups grated sharp flavored cheddar cheese, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard and salt to season. Stir until the

cheese melts and serve this yummy dairy food concoction over toast, toasted muffins, fluffy rice or cooked, well-drained noodles.

Cream Cheese and Avocado

makes a wonderful canape spread. Mash 1 cream cheese with 1 small, peeled, ripe avocado, 1 teaspoon grated onion,

½ teaspoon chili powder and ½ cup finely chopped salted peanuts. Spread on small rounds of bread or crisp crackers.

Hearty Snack Tray

As the old year passes, everyone welcomes a hearty snack—real food, lots of it, on a buffet for all to help themselves.

We asked Beth Bailey McLean to help us plan the New Year's Eve buffet. Mrs. McLean's new book, "The Modern Homemakers' Cookbook," qualifies her as a top quality adviser to the hungry. The menu: Welsh Rabbit in the chafing dish, a golden glazed ham, sliced toasted English muffins or old-fashioned rye bread, and a large bowl of chilled crispy salad. Let your guests fill their own plates—toast or muffin topped with a slice of ham and swathed in Welsh Rabbit, with slivers of Brazil nuts on top. For a crowd, select a quality canned ham for ease of preparation and carving.

Remove from the can, place fat side up in a baking pan and score the fat in diagonal cuts. If you wish, insert a whole clove into each "diamond" on the ham. Cover with a glaze of orange marmalade or sift brown sugar over the fat covering and drizzle honey over this.

Brown in a hot (400 degrees F.) oven for 15 minutes or until the ham is a golden color. The ham will not be heated through in this time. The uniform slices carved from the boneless

set over hot water. Melt butter in top of double boiler, stir in flour, then stir in milk and cook until smooth.

Pristed Welsh Rabbit

Two tablespoons butter, 1

tablespoon flour, 1 cup milk, 1 pound aged American cheddar cheese, shredded, ½ teaspoon salt, dash cayenne pepper, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, crackers or hot toast.

If you have a chafing dish, make the rabbit at the table before the guests. Otherwise, use the top of a double boiler

Yule Tree on a Wall

By Ethel Moore

CONFRONTED for the first time in our lives with the problem of not having room to install a Christmas tree, my teen-aged son who is an art student in high school, and myself set out to do something about the situation.

We purchased a roll of dark blue paper from a display firm, a package of non-inflammable cotton and a small, fireproofed evergreen tree. We brought in two discarded bookcases from the garage, plus lights and ornaments which we already had and then we were ready to start.

We decided to make a Christmas display against a wall area of 7½ feet by 7 feet. We placed the bookcases against the wall, covered the upper wall area with the blue paper down to a

canes. The tree was then wrapped completely in "angel hair."

A cardboard church, installed at the left, and a house, high on a snow-covered hill, have lights in the windows. With pine cones, miniature trees, snowman and tiny packages under the lighted tree the scene is complete in every detail.

Bookcase shelves were used for the family gifts, thus taking up only 18 inches of space projecting from the wall. The scene was spotlighted from a wall about 10 feet away.

Viewed through the large front window where friends and neighbors assembled to view the display, the impression was given of looking at a beautiful panorama far in the distance.



This sandwich tray, certain to be a popular centerpiece in any buffet in which it appears, is rich in protein.

canned ham, however, will be a perfect accompaniment for the piping hot, zesty cheese sauce.

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Blouse-Skirt Outfit

HERE IS a clever outfit you'll wear all winter—a brightly colored wool skirt with matching stole plus a carefully tailored blouse with short or three-quarter cuffed sleeves. Each item will combine nicely with the other blouses and skirts in your wardrobe. Worn here by Warner Bros. star, Betty Davis.

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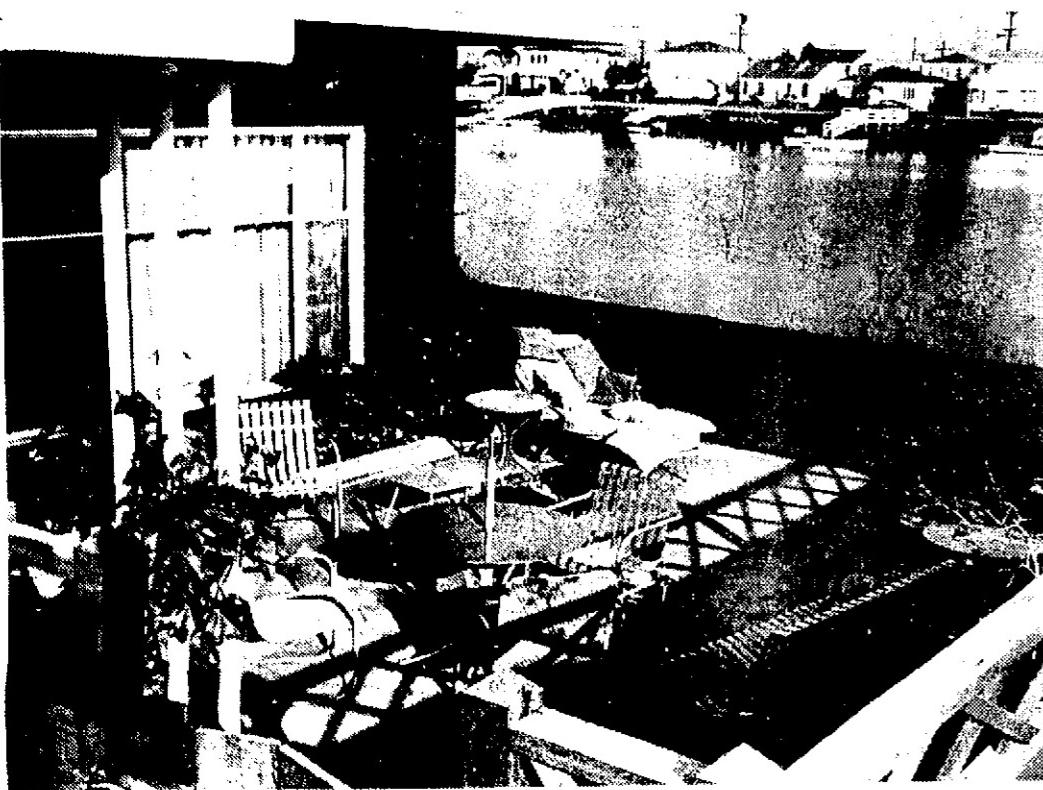
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Bayside Hearth and Patio



Entryway of cabinet and fluted glass and an imposing stairway are shown here in the E. J. Bragg home. Mr. Bragg made the handsome birch table in foreground.



—Photo by Jasper Nutter

This view, from above fence line, shows plantings, large window in the living room and the relationship of the patio to the bay a few feet beyond the lawn.

Providing Extra Storage Space

By Beverly Taylor

EVEN IN a small house or apartment, space for extra storage is limited only by ingenuity. Well-conceived storage closets can not only give needed storage space

but can add to the decorative scheme as well.

A wide-cushioned seat-shelf in a bay window will give extra seating space and under it

can be built an attractive and useful cupboard. Support the ends of the seat or shelf by strips bracketed to the walls. Brace it with one or two solid uprights. Enclose the space beneath for a cupboard to hold toys, games, record albums, even linens. Plywood and composition board are easy to handle and can be painted to fit the decorative scheme. Knot pine makes an attractive finish. Match the boards carefully so the new unit can be finished in the natural wood.

Space is frequently wasted in the bathroom, especially around the wash basin. Cupboards can be built under one or both sides of it. Make them somewhat narrower than the full depth of the basin, with tops flush with the basin and covered with plastic. For additional protection, line cupboard interiors with the same plastic. Extra linens can be kept there with no risk of dampness or rust, and fresh towels will always be at hand when needed.

The dead end of an upper hallway or part of an enclosed back porch or laundry room can be converted into a convenient catch-all closed for storing frequently-used articles like

galoshes and boots and children's outdoor toys which have to be brought in at night.

A built-in storage space completely surrounding the front door will solve the problem of a separate children's closet. They can use one side, mother and dad the other. Fit both sides with a Dutch door, painted to match the walls. Opening the upper half will make most articles readily accessible without dislodging paraphernalia tossed into the lower half. The inside of the doors can be fitted with small shelves and trays to hold gloves, tennis balls, golf balls and similar odd items.

Since this storage place is a true catch-all, the most obvious requisite is an easy-to-clean floor impervious to water dripping from damp articles. A floor of durable asphalt tile will meet this need, for it washes clean with mild soap and water, wipes dry instantly with a mop and does not crack. As the door closet will open directly into your main hallway, the floor of both should be similar. Asphalt tile in marbled green or red, marked off into a diamond pattern with narrow black borders, makes an attractive entrance way which also conceals traffic dust and dirt.

Here's an Idea

Kitchen Glamour

By Peggy Sewell

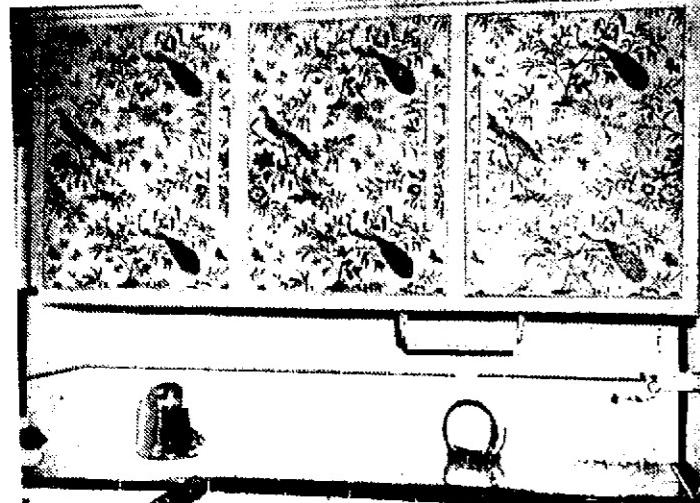
EVEN the most ordinary kitchen can be given a touch of glamour by the use of wallpaper as a decorative accent. There are many ways in which this can be accomplished, depending on individual taste and ingenuity.

Here are a few suggestions: The doors, or panels on the doors, can be covered. It can be used on cupboard doors, or behind the shelves inside the cupboard. Paper on the ceiling can be an effective means of adding an unusual note of interest. Or designs cut out from the wallpaper can be used. These can be placed

around wall switches, light fixtures, or scattered in any part of the room.

The kitchen of Capt. and Mrs. Thompson F. Fowler, USN, has wallpaper on the cupboard doors. Colorful peacock and floral designs in pinks, purples, and greens against a beige background add character and individuality to the yellow and black of the kitchen. The Oriental feeling complements the many Chinese pieces which the Fowlers brought back with them from the Far East, and therefore blends well with the rest of the home.

Unusual wallpaper on kitchen cupboards in the home of Capt. and Mrs. T. F. Fowler add up to glamour.



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A stone fireplace set in a wall of etched plywood in the living room of the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bragg and their three children is seen in view (above) from living room. Walls of glass in both these rooms overlook bay.



A buffet at the far end of the dining room is handy to the kitchen (right) and the patio through door at left.

Stalled in cabinet work next to the fireplace.

The handsome stairway ascends the wall at the end of the living room nearest the entry. The stairs are of a composition material which resembles stone. An iron railing of uncluttered design adds interest.

In the living room and the adjoining dining room, walls are painted to match the blue-green curtains which traverse on the spacious windows. These curtains are loosely woven so that from inside they do not impair the view but they insure privacy from without.

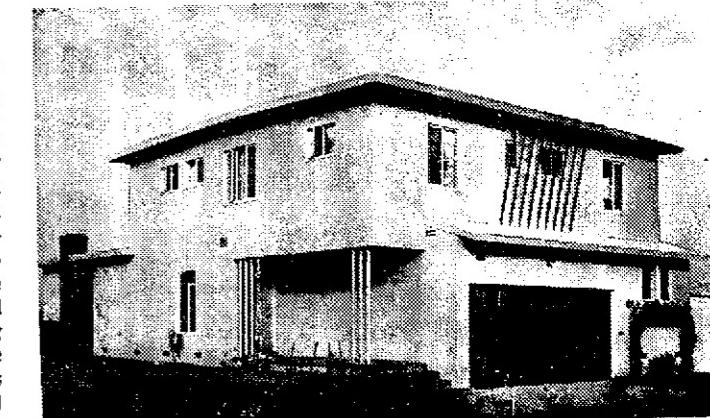
In front of the stone fireplace stands a glass firescreen which is made of unusually tough but transparent glass which draws the cold air to it and reflects warm air. This glass is also unbreakable.

Floors in the living room, dining room and kitchen are of inlaid linoleum, an extremely practical material for floors which will have sand tracked across them. Mrs. Bragg may consider carpeting her floors once the family is grown. These floors are attractive in their neutral tan color with trim in dark brown. A free line pattern in the dining room makes an interesting floor treatment.

Sectional furnishings give Mrs. Bragg an opportunity to rearrange furniture as often as she likes. Seating can also be adjusted for television viewing. Expertly tailored and colorfully patterned slipcovers make these sectional pieces attractive as well as practical.



This is a view of the patio and garden of the Bragg home from bayside. Outdoor meals are served here.



The front entry of the Bragg residence is recessed into the main structure. Service yard is on opposite side.

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Doorways to Christmas

By Althea Flint

YOUR doorway is the key-note of your home and if you decorate it in the Christmas tradition you will be doing your part to spread a festive Christmas spirit in your community. To many of us half the fun of Christmas is living for a few days in a house that somehow has changed its mood. Of course, the general Christmas spirit has a lot to do with the holiday atmosphere of the house but decorations are also necessary to create Christmas hospitality.

Since decorating begins at the doorway, some of the doors pictured here may give you ideas for dressing up your front portals if you have neglected that phase of yuletide decor.

The traditional red-ribboned holly wreath will always stand first as a choice for door-decorations but there are many other ideas adapted to individual tastes and needs.

In the west nature gives us such a variety of decorative materials and our imaginations can be freed to create new and unusual decorations. Wreaths made of dried pods and seeds familiar to our California woods and fields are practical for outdoor use.

AN ASSORTMENT of eucalyptus and wisteria pods, plane tree burs, bottle tree seeds, rose hips, blue gum and

jacaranda pods and bottle brush seeds can be wired together and mounted on a stiff foundation to make a wreath resistant to moisture. Mount these dried materials on green sprigs of evergreen and an attractive decoration will result.

If you want to make your own wreath here are some suggestions which may help. A stiff foundation is necessary in order to hold the finished wreath firmly in shape. A circle of heavy cardboard makes a good base of an easily obtainable material. Professionals usually use sphagnum moss; shape moss in a circle and secure with wire. Lightweight firm twine is used for fastening the materials onto the wreath base. Too long a piece of twine will tangle; start with four feet. Wrap twine around the base and tie it securely. Greenery is cut in three to five-inch lengths.

Lay three lengths together on the base, wrap twine twice around the base and sprigs, pulling taut. Follow this procedure around the circle, overlapping groups of sprigs. Decorations, such as clusters of tiny cones or a red oilcloth bow for a holly wreath, may be secured to the wreath with spool wire.

IF YOU want a variation from the wreath then consider clusters, sprays or garlands. A grouping of pine cones, branches and red-ribbon



—Photos by Elton L. Fitzgerald

A sprig, a candy cane and a drum add novelty to the front door of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stevenson, 730 Santiago St. A Christmas tree, silver stars, tinsel angels and a tiny white church are seen through big window.

how on a textured mat might appeal to your taste. Bells tied with ribbons and combined with greens bespeak holiday hospitality.

A custom borrowed from Germany that might add to your Christmas spirit is the Advent wreath. It is made up a month in advance of Christ-

mas and each day some ornament is added to it. Children too young to count the days to the holiday find this wreath an easy way to reckon.

Whatever you do this Christmas for decoration remember to make it a family project, for Christmas belongs to everybody.



Ribbons, tiny bells, candy cane and greeting brighten doorway at L. G. Naukemper home, 3040 Virginia Rd.



Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fitzgerald use wreath, canes (made of stovepipe) and loll on doorway, at 4245 Blackthorne.

Caring for Plants in Winter

By Bob Gilmore

EVEN IN the Long Beach district—noted for its mild winters—ornamentals will react favorably to being protected during the next few months. Day temperatures may still feel like July; but at night frost and near-frost conditions may be anticipated. Proper handling of your plants at this time is very important because many of them may be tropicals and sub-tropicals.

This is not the time to prune the more tender subjects. Cutting the stems encourages new growth which is tender and sensitive and susceptible to injury from cold weather. Bleeding often results from this practice.

Do everything possible to conserve rain water. Keep in mind that growing conditions in the Long Beach area are comparable to desert areas; therefore make the most of your free water.

Construct catch basins around trees and large shrubs. The much needed moisture then will sink into the soil, rather than run off down the street. The basin does not have to be deep; for most plants two to three inches should suffice.

When the rains fall they may get to your garden in a hurry. Make sure that proper facilities have been arranged for run-off of excess moisture. Does the land slope away from the foundation of your home; this is important as water



Plants grown under plant protectors remain warm and are sheltered from wind, frost, hard rains and from insects.

draining towards the foundation may create a damp feeling in the first floor of your home. Also basements, where they exist, are often flooded by rain water draining in the wrong direction.

THINNED out to minimize wind damage. Opening up the head of a tree allows the wind to blow on through and there is less chance of broken limbs. If tools are put away for the winter they should first be oiled. Small hand tools can

be wrapped in oiled rags or inserted in oiled sand. Filling a flower pot with sand, then pouring oil into it makes a wonderful arrangement for preserving tools and keeping them from rusting.

All sprayers should be cleaned thoroughly before being put away. Actually, you should keep right on spraying during the winter season. The more garden pests killed during winter the easier your spraying job will be next spring and summer. The working parts of any garden gadget require the greatest protection.

Young seedlings may be sheltered under plant protectors made for this express purpose. These act like miniature hot-

houses, each protecting a single plant. They are available in three sizes, depending on the type of plant to be protected, its height and lateral spread. The protectors are made from specially treated waxed paper. This material allows the sun to pass through; yet cold, rains and bugs are kept out.

AMULCH spread on the soil is also of great benefit. Where frost lies on the ground a mulch keeps the soil from heaving and cracking. A mulch also makes it possible to work the soil during cold periods.

Other valuable tactics for protecting ornamentals during winter are: Attaching vines to firm supports to prevent wind damage; removing heavy clipings from lawn areas so the

maximum amount of light will hit the grass plants; protecting young trees by setting up a barrier against the wind; this can be accomplished by stretching burlap in front of the plant on upright poles driven into the ground.

Tips on Gardening

GARDENING tips for the week... When starting a dichondra lawn mix clover end over a flame or place the stem end in boiling water for about one minute. Then place the flowers in cold water—the level of the water being just below the flower heads—and allow to rest for several hours. This will raise the longevity of the poinsettia.

In just a few weeks nurseries will be offering bare root stock of roses, fruit trees and other deciduous plants.

This is the time to prepare the soil for planting and the sooner you start conditioning the ground the better. It is not good gardening technique to wait until the plants arrive from the nursery.

Poinsettia flowers desired for indoor decoration should have the stem sealed before making

the arrangement. Burn the cut end over a flame or place the stem end in boiling water for about one minute. Then place the flowers in cold water—the level of the water being just below the flower heads—and allow to rest for several hours. This will raise the longevity of the poinsettia.

Cook Quickly

No matter what the vegetable, it will taste better the sooner it is cooked after being harvested. Half an hour may be sufficient to dull the flavor of those that are rich in sugar, which quickly begins to change to starch.

ashes vs. Soil

Ashes of wood, soft coal and hard coal are all valuable to loosen heavy clay soil, but it is best to let soft coal ashes weather for a season, to get rid of toxic substances.

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City Tenth in West

LONG BEACH was 10th best building city in the west during November, according to the monthly statistical survey of Western Building magazine, Portland, Ore. The summary covered the 11 western states, British Columbia and Hawaii.

Building in the region showed only a slight decline in number of jobs started and a considerable increase in building funds committed as compared

to November, 1949, the magazine found.

The survey reported issuance of 34,009 building permits during November, 1950 by the 263 reporting jurisdictions. This represented a decline of 1.1 per cent from the November, 1949 total permits of 34,391 issued by these identical western building centers. All major building areas in the west were represented in the data.

An increase over a year ago

was evident in the total dollar valuation of the building permits issued by the reporting western cities and counties. In November, 1950 these jurisdictions reported a dollar permit total of \$206,513,412. This was an increase of \$4,08 per cent over November, 1949 when identical western cities and counties had issued permits of value at a total of \$154,021,541.

Analysis of the 25 leading construction centers of the west for the month just past reveals a small increase in November over October and a substantial increase over November, 1949. In November, 1950, the west's 25 leaders accounted for permits valued at \$134,902,298. This was an increase of 6.19 per cent over the October, 1950 permit total for these identical 25 leaders. In that month they had issued \$127,032,474 in permit valuation. A year ago in November, 1949, these identical western building leaders accounted for \$87,915,540. Thus November, 1950 represented an increase of 54 per cent over November, 1949.

Los Angeles led the region with \$42,297,430. Seattle, second ranking city, was far behind with \$7,002,860. San Diego was in third place with \$6,044,763; outranking San Francisco's \$5,416,527. Long Beach reported \$2,619,715. Torrance was in 15th place with \$1,853,121.

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No down payment terms for veterans will continue at Lakewood Park until further notice. Pictured here is one of a wide selection of interior and exterior designs in two and three-bedroom and two-bedroom-and-den models at the \$250,000,000 planned community. All homes in the development's exclusive Carson Gardens section are landscaped with lawns, shrubs and trees.

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Among sales made last week through the multiple listing service of the Board of Realtors was this property at 102 Claremont Ave. Realtor P. L. Williamson sold it for Phillip Smith to Mary Ballard Tolinton.

Senness National Winner

WINNERS of second place, project of economy homes over 50 units, in the 1950 neighborhood development contest of the National Association of Home Builders was Pacific Hills on Coast Hwy., Torrance.

Judges complimented K. Sande Senness, subdivider and builder, for his handling of an irregular-shaped tract.

"The jury felt the house plan was good; particularly the privacy of the living room and its orientation to the garden," the judges wrote.

The nation-wide planning competition was sponsored by N. A. H. B. to bring forth the building industry's best designs for residential development and to find the "perfect neighborhood."

Judges said the projects were an excellent cross-section of residential developments and garden apartments being built in this country and were a great credit to the home-building industry. Sound planning, ingenuity and knowledge of market appeal of the winning projects will help promote home-building progress, the judges added.

Scrolls, symbolizing achievement, will be presented winners at the annual convention-expo of the National Association of Home Builders, Chicago, Jan. 21-25.

Firm Lends \$7,549,916

Loans totaling \$7,549,916 to finance Long Beach residential properties were approved during the month ended Nov. 30, last, by the western home office of the Prudential Insurance Company.

This represents 727 separate loans, according to Harry J. Volk, vice president in charge of western operations.

Subdivisions in the Mill

BLUETRINTING of three new subdivisions and building preliminaries for five others have been revealed in the past few weeks.

A 23-acre Norwalk tract is to be divided into 138 lots, according to Carlton Builders, owners-subdivider, Los Angeles. Known as Tract 15462, the development is north of Excelso Dr. and west of Pioneer Blvd.

The new owners have been active in Long Beach building materials circles for a number of years.

Petrovich recently sold his interest in the Ray Sharp Building Materials Co., where he had been associated since leaving the Navy in 1946.

Savage has been manager of the Certified Builders Supply yard.

Minorities

Four years ago when Velma Grant entered the home building business she had a definite market in mind. During 25 years as a real estate broker, she was distressed by her inability to find better homes for the non-Caucasian families.

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Moss Construction also plans 75 frame and stucco dwellings on Tract 16894 in Norwalk.

On Carlin Ave., east of Bulis Rd., Lynwood, Yaffee & Matthews, Lynwood, will build 38 two- and three-bedroom houses. The buildings will range from 1100 to 1500 square feet.

Bathroom Plans

Suggestions on bathroom planning, with special emphasis on the best arrangement in small areas, are offered in a booklet "Modern Bathroom Plans" published by the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Ill. Price of the booklet is 10 cents. Plans for 34 bathrooms and powder rooms are shown.

Foil Insulator

Builders are using aluminum foil to insulate homes in some projects, a trade journal reports. Aluminum foil is used as "reflective insulation," keeping the heat inside in the winter and outside during hot summer days.

Dog Gone!

When the public housing authority of Alexandria, Va., imposed a "no dogs allowed" restriction, one tenant announced that his dogs were a lot more important than continued occupancy of government housing—even with high taxes—

1951 Chairmen

THE 1951 list of committee chairmen for the Board of Realtors was announced yesterday by H. Herschel Hart, president-elect.

The leaders will proceed immediately to complete appointment of their committees by Jan. 1, when they will take up their duties, Hart said.

Annual installation banquet will be held Jan. 12 in the Marine Room of the Wilton Hotel, the incoming president announced. Winnie Cross is general chairman for the event.

In addition to formal induction of the 1951 officers and directors, the program will feature the presentation of the board's achievement award which will be made to the member judged to have contributed most to organized real estate during 1950.

Committees for 1951 and their chairmen are: Achievement, J. W. Hill; Leslie Vaughn, vice chairman; Advisory, Retiring President Lewis K. Cox; Appraisal, John Bohan; Gus Swanson, vice chairman; Arbitration, George Massey.

Educational, E. T. Moore; Entertainment, Winnie Cross; H. A. Murray, vice chairman; Exchange, I. N. Page; L. E. Shanks; Finance, James Edmonds Jr.; J. W. W. Woestman, vice chairman.

Group insurance, Robert Taylor; Industrial, Bill Brooks; Legislative, Frank Merriam; Membership, Arnold Berg; Carl Wiand, vice chairman; Multiple Listing, Howard Butler; I. N. Page, vice chairman; Municipal Affairs, Dick Racine. News

Year's Work Board Topic

TWENTY members of the Board of Realtors have been designated to give one-minute talks on suggestions for the 1951 program of the organization Tuesday at the weekly breakfast meeting in the Wilton Hotel.

Verne Morrill, December program chairman, said that if the audience wishes to participate in discussing any point, time will be taken for it. The suggestions will be recorded for use by the 1951 officers in planning the year's activities.

Steel Pipe

A FOUR-UNIT store building will be constructed by Bernard and Mike Kelber at 5869-75 Atlantic Ave., its plans disclosed last week when plans were submitted to the City Building Department.

Each unit will have a mezzanine floor at the rear. Exterior will be stucco.

Hedden & Shelley prepared the plans. Construction cost is estimated at \$30,000.

Sea-mountains

Home builders and land developers are increasingly aware that the buying public wants to live closer to the sea or mountains. The National Association of Home Builders reports an increasing tempo of new construction is taking place near marinas along the vast U. S. coastline.

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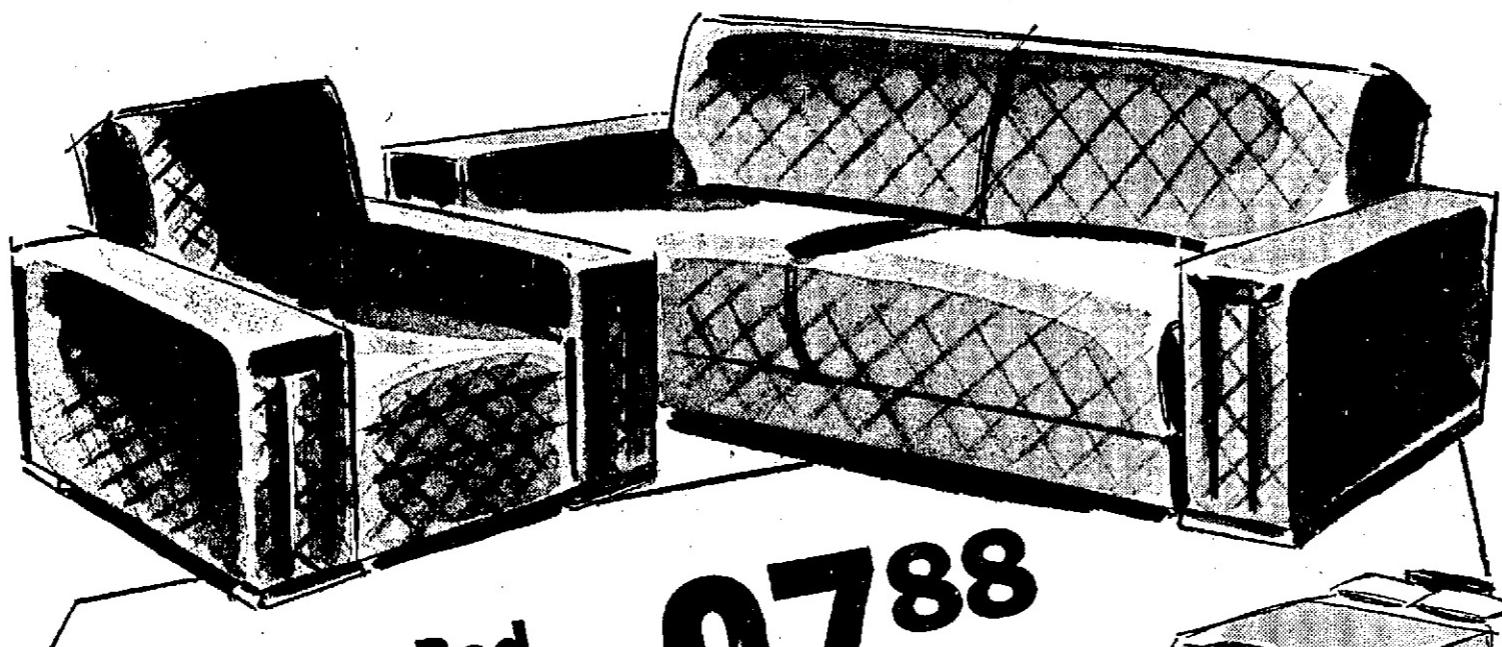
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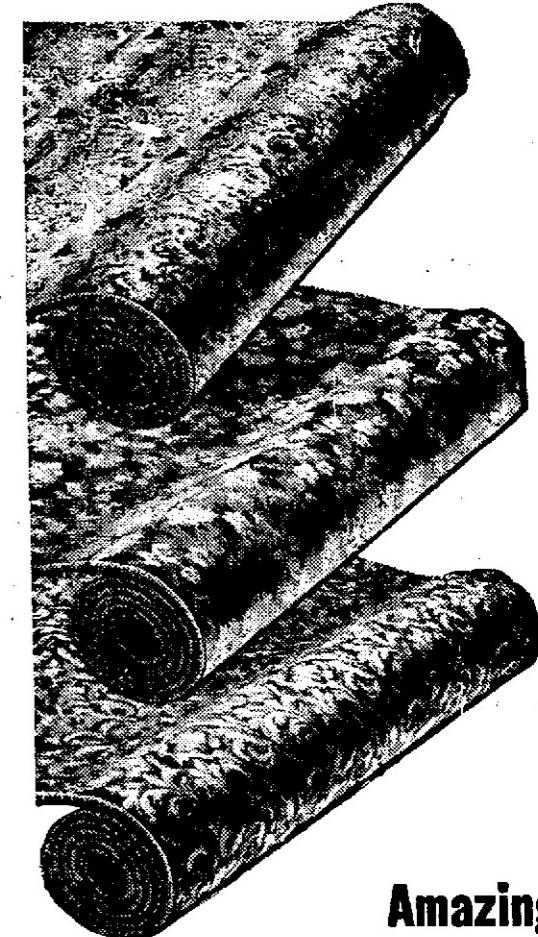
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